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Energy Sector

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Chemical Industry Sector

1. *December 5, Albany Democrat-Herald* – (Oregon) **Small chemical fire causes temporary evacuation.** Albany, Oregon firefighters responded to a report of a chemical fire at Grace chemical December 5. A spokesman for the fire department said the 45 to 50 employees and contractors on site were all evacuated safely. The spokesman said it appeared that flammable chemical residue caught fire and activated the alarm system. Firefighters put out the blaze and were continuing the investigation. No immediate word was available on damages. Nineteen personnel responded.
Source: http://democratherald.com/news/local/small-chemical-fire-causes-temporary-evacuation/article_3a0b00ee-3f12-11e2-adda-0019bb2963f4.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *December 6, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Regulators clear TVA plant of 3 violations.** Regulators cleared Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant in Alabama of three minor safety violations. The Decatur Daily reported that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued the ruling at a public meeting December 5. One of the violations was related to plant worker training on shutdown procedures. Two others concerned an injection system that was out of service longer than planned. NRC regulators concluded that TVA workers understood the problems and took the appropriate actions. The plant was still under a more serious safety finding linked to a stuck valve in an emergency cooling system.
Source: <http://www.wdef.com/news/state/story/Regulators-clear-TVA-plant-of-3-violations/KuCumCS-u0y4ztHQCLmyPg.csp>
3. *December 5, Associated Press* – (National) **Ariz. vendor pleads guilty in nuke equipment case.** An Arizona vendor for nuclear power plants pleaded guilty to making false statements about equipment repair to federal regulators. Authorities said the suspect's company was unable to repair a nuclear measurements display for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania. A substitute display from the Brunswick Nuclear Plant in North Carolina was shipped from his facility in Scottsdale, Arizona. Prosecutors said the serial number on the substitute display was filed down to conceal its identity in violation of Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) safety regulations and he lied about the situation to NRC investigators.

Source: <http://www.reflector.com/ap/staten/ariz-vendor-pleads-guilty-nuke-equipment-case-1493381>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *December 6, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - 2009-2012 BMW X5 engine belt idler pulley bolt.** BMW announced December 6 the recall of 29,800 model year 2009-2012 X5 xDrive 35d SAV diesel vehicles manufactured from September 1, 2008 through November 15, 2012. The engine belt idler pulley bolt could loosen and break over time. If the engine belt idler pulley bolt breaks, the vehicle may unexpectedly lose power-assisted steering, increasing the risk of a crash. BMW will notify owners, and dealers will replace and tighten the idler pulley bolt.

Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcld_ID=12V550000&summary=true&prod_id=1454777&PrintVersion=YES

5. *December 6, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Bogus contractors steal copper from W.Va. plant.** West Virginia State Police warned manufacturers to review security procedures after two men posing as contractors drove out of a plant with two tons of stolen scrap copper, the Associated Press reported December 6. Workers at the Constellium Rolled Products Plant in Ravenswood did not suspect the men were thieves November 30. Constellium regularly sells scrap copper that is left over from its alloy production and maintenance activities. It was not unusual for contractors and trucking companies to visit the plant to pick up the metal. One of the suspects told the security guard at the plant's gate that he was supposed to pick up an order. He was given a pass into the plant after he used a fake license and identification on plant security forms. The security guard told police that he saw only one man. Investigators believe the other man was hiding in the truck. Once they were on the plant grounds, they went to one of the cast houses and told employees they were picking up scrap copper. After workers filled the truck's bed with scrap copper, the men left the plant. Workers told police that the only thing odd about the men was their hats, which differed in style from the hard hats everyone is required to wear inside the plant's gates. Plant security officers contacted several metal recyclers in West Virginia and surrounding States after the theft occurred.

Source: <http://www.wetzelchronicle.com/page/content.detail/id/270701/Bogus-contractors-steal-copper-from-W-Va--plant-.html?isap=1&nav=5059>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

6. *December 5, WUSA 9 Washington D.C.* – (Virginia) **Evacuations after explosion at Virginia Credit Union ATM, second incident.** Fredericksburg, Virginia police said surveillance video showed that a person put an explosive device on the base of an ATM that caused an explosion December 5. When police arrived, they found an ATM with scorch marks and other damage. They said the ATM was still working and that the suspect may have been trying to get money from it by blowing up the ATM. The bank and some nearby apartments were evacuated and closed after a bomb detection dog indicated there may have been another device. The Virginia State Police Bomb Unit later declared the area bomb free but the bank drive-through remained closed.
Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/news/article/232334/158/Evacuations-After-Explosion-At-ATM-Second-Incident>
7. *December 5, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **SEC charges 10 in insider trading ring around investment banker's illegal tips on impending mergers.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) December 5 charged an investment banker who was primarily based in Charlotte, North Carolina, and nine others involved in an insider trading ring that garnered more than \$11 million in illicit profits trading on confidential information about impending mergers. The SEC alleges that the banker misused his position at Wells Fargo Securities to obtain material, nonpublic information about four separate merger transactions involving firm clients. Upon learning inside information about an impending deal, his first call to set the insider trading ring in motion was typically to his longtime friend who worked as a registered broker. The two illegally tipped other friends who in turn tipped more friends or family members in a ring that spread across five States. According to the SEC's complaint, the banker was based in Wells Fargo's Charlotte office when most of the misconduct occurred, but later moved and worked in New York where he currently resides. Tippees included friends and family across the U.S. The SEC also charged two companies with ties to the banker and his friend that were involved in the illegal trading: Coram Real Estate Holdings Inc. and GoldStar P.S. The SEC also charged two others as relief defendants for the purposes of recovering illicit profits that are now in their possession.
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-255.htm>
8. *December 5, WHTM 27 Harrisburg* – (National) **Federal jury convicts 2 in interstate credit card scheme.** A federal jury in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, convicted two men in a \$500,000 stolen credit card scheme that spanned several States. The two men were convicted of bank fraud and wire fraud, while the jury was deadlocked on charges related to identity theft. The men fraudulently obtained more than 100 credit and debit card numbers from over 25 banks and credit unions and then used them at stores in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland, according to a U.S. Attorney. The scheme was first uncovered at Target stores in the Harrisburg area, where investigators saw the two repeatedly attempting to purchase gift cards with multiple credit cards, many of which were regularly declined. The U.S. Attorney said the men committed most of their crimes in Target stores, but used the stolen bank card numbers at other retailers as well. One of the men faces deportation to Russia following his sentence.

Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/20271197/federal-jury-convicts-2-in-interstate-credit-card-scheme>

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Transportation Sector

9. *December 6, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Cigarette butt causes Pittsburgh airport smoke.** A smoldering fire that shut down a Pittsburgh International Airport concourse for several hours and prompted a bomb scare was caused by someone smoking in a men's room, an airport spokeswoman said December 6. The spokeswoman said the butt caught some paper towels and other debris on fire that had been stashed behind a plumbing access panel in a men's room. Investigators found other butts and believe someone has been habitually smoking in the restroom and using the access panel to get rid of the evidence, she said. A bomb squad was called out and one concourse shut down for more than 3 hours because investigators also found a satchel behind the panel and feared it might be a bomb or other incendiary device. However, it just contained a rolled up sleeping mat and authorities could not immediately determine how or why it got there. The D concourse, where the restroom is located, was closed and investigators attempted to determine if the satchel contained anything that might have caused charring found around the edges of the access panel. It was later reopened. The D concourse is one of four lined with dozens of airline gates at the terminal about 10 miles west of Pittsburgh. Delta, United, and American airlines flights that normally use the concourse were sent to gates in other parts of the airport, but there were no reports of major delays.

Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/article/Cigarette-butt-causes-Pittsburgh-airport-smoke-4096475.php>

10. *December 6, WUSA 9 Washington D.C.* – (Maryland) **Overtaken pineapple truck blocks part of outer loop of Beltway in Bethesda.** Drivers on the Outer Loop of the Capitol Beltway likely encountered a significantly slower commute thanks to an overturned tractor trailer filled with produce. Maryland State Police said a tractor trailer loaded with boxes of pineapples crashed on the Outer Loop near the I-270 spur December 6. The wreckage closed the far right lane and shoulder of the Outer Loop. Drivers could still access I-270. Police said the pineapples will have to be offloaded from the trailer before the vehicle can be uprighted and removed from the roadway. The cleanup process was expected to last through the morning commute. Maryland State Police believed speed was a factor in the crash.

Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/news/article/232464/44/Pineapple-Truck-Blocks-Portion-Of-Outer-Loop>

11. *December 4, Cherry Hill Courier Post* – (New Jersey) **Wider evacuation area declared in Paulsboro.** Authorities expanded an evacuation zone near the site of a freight-train derailment in Paulsboro, New Jersey, and said residents will be displaced until at least December 9 as a precaution against dangerous fumes. Officials said they

encountered difficulty in emptying a breached tanker car that initially held 180,000 pounds of vinyl chloride, a chemical with short- and long-term health effects. That car was one of seven to derail November 30 as a freight train tried to cross a bridge between West Deptford and Paulsboro. A leak of vinyl chloride sent more than 60 people to a hospital on November 30, most with respiratory complaints. The Coast Guard, which initially declared the evacuation of about 50 homes November 30, called for residents to leave an additional 100 homes December 4. Officials also said the evacuation would last one day longer than previously thought. Officials previously told all borough residents to stay indoors — or shelter in place — whenever tests found elevated levels of vinyl chloride in the air. The expanded evacuation zone includes the areas where pollution spikes have occurred, and the Coast Guard said that should end the need for residents in other neighborhoods to stay indoors. The elevated levels of vinyl chloride were still far below those deemed to be toxic.

Source:

<http://www.courierpostonline.com/article/20121205/NEWS01/312050021/Wider-evacuation-area-declared-Paulsboro>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

12. *December 5, WMAQ 5 Chicago* – (Illinois) **13 indicted on bank fraud charges.** Thirteen Chicago residents were indicted December 4 on federal bank fraud charges for allegedly stealing more than \$2.5 million in corporate checks from the mail. Initially, three men allegedly stole corporate checks then created fake businesses with names spelled similarly to payees on the stolen check between June 2009 and November 2011, according to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice. The three then recruited co-defendants to withdraw the money from ATMs and casinos for a percentage of the proceeds. They deposited more than \$2.5 million in stolen checks and withdrew nearly \$1.6 million. The group was charged after authorities arrested eight members involved in the scheme and four others surrendered to U.S. Postal Inspectors. The remaining suspect was already in custody.

Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/chicago-bank-fraud-indictment-182296431.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

13. *December 6, Food Safety News* – (National) **Feds tighten Salmonella controls for ground poultry in wake of recent outbreaks.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced December 5 in a policy statement that all manufacturers of raw ground turkey or chicken foods must update their pathogen control plans in order to address potential dangers highlighted by the 2011 outbreaks. These plans – called Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) – are designed to minimize contamination by targeting the riskiest parts of the production process and implementing safety measures at these points. All meat and

poultry plants have been required to have a HACCP plan in place since 1996. FSIS said it would begin verifying that the plans have been updated starting in 90 days. The FSIS also announced that it is expanding its Salmonella testing program to include “comminuted” poultry – chicken or turkey that has been mechanically separated or deboned and then further chopped, flaked, minced, or somehow reduced in particle size. Previously, only ground poultry was tested for Salmonella. In a further crackdown on this food category, FSIS said it will soon test comminuted chicken and turkey products for Campylobacter – another problem pathogen for poultry.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/12/govnt-tightens-salmonella-controls-for-poultry-in-wake-of-recent-outbreaks/#.UMCS6eTAex9>

14. *December 5, Food Safety News* – (California) **Harry’s Berries products in CA recalled for botulism.** The California Department of Public Health warned consumers not to eat Harry’s Berries Salsa or Harry’s Berries Dilled Beans produced by Gean Farms Inc. because they may have been susceptible to contamination of Clostridium botulinum, a bacteria that causes botulism, Food Safety News reported December 5. Gean Farms voluntarily recalled their products after State health officials discovered the products were made without the required controls to prevent contamination. The products were sold at certified farmers markets in Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara counties between May 2011 and November 2012.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/12/harrys-berries-products-in-ca-recalled-for-botulism/#.UMCOL-TAex8>
15. *December 5, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Nebraska) **U.S. Labor Department’s OSHA cites CPI-Lansing LLC for exposing workers to grain bin hazards at Red Cloud, Neb., facility; proposes fines of \$144,400.** December 5, the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited CPI-Lansing LLC, a grain storage facility in Red Cloud, Nebraska, with three safety violations, including two willful, for allowing workers to enter grain bins while sweep augers were operating. OSHA initiated the complaint inspection in May under the agency’s grain handling local emphasis program. Proposed penalties totaled \$144,400. The serious violation involved hazards associated with the use of a deficient handrail on a stairway.
Source:
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23364

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Water Sector

16. *December 6, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Water main break affects Clemson area, shuts down university.** Clemson University in South Carolina was shutting down December 6 after a water main break left some customers without water and others under a boil water advisory, according to an email sent to employees by college officials. A water main break affected a large area of Clemson, including

Clemson University, Sandy Springs, and Pendleton, according to the Anderson Regional Joint Water System. Clemson University officials said that the college still had water, but a decision was made to shut down for the day because of low or no water pressure in many buildings. The email from university officials said Clemson was closing offices and canceling all classes or labs that did not have a pre-scheduled assessments. Clemson residence halls and dining halls would remain open for residential students, but the university ordered water be conserved. A boil water advisory was in effect for the campus. The areas affected by the break also included the Michelin plant in Sandy Springs. A spokesman for the Anderson Regional Joint Water System said the break was expected to be repaired, but then the pipe would be tested. Once that tests come back clear, the water system would lift the boil water advisory. That process could take 24 to 48 hours.

Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/local-news/anderson-news/Water-main-break-affects-Clemson-area-shuts-down-university/-/9654706/17675656/-/2fmoxv/-/index.html>

17. *December 5, Hawaii News Now* – (Hawaii) **Water conservation requested for areas in Kauai.** The Kauai Department of Water (DOW) asked customers in Hanapp, Eleele, and Kalaheo, Hawaii, to conserve water due to a power failure that occurred December 4, which affected source wells in the Hanapp valley. DOW crews were working to make necessary repairs. While the work was done, customers in the affected and surrounding areas were urged to conserve water and restrict water consumption to essential uses. These measures may prevent the depletion of the limited water supply. Residents were asked to notify their family, friends, and neighbors that will be affected by the conservation request.

Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/20268159/water-conservation-requested-for-areas-in-kauai>

18. *December 5, KOIN 6 Portland* – (Oregon) **Heavy rainfall causes sewage overflow into Clackamas River.** Gladstone, Oregon residents were advised to avoid contact with the Clackamas and Willamette rivers after recent heavy rainfall caused a raw sewage overflow into the Clackamas River, KOIN 6 Portland reported December 5. The city of Gladstone reported December 4 that the sewage discharge occurred at a storm water outfall at the south end of Portland Avenue, near the confluence of the Clackamas and Willamette rivers. It was caused by excess rain overloading the intersection point of the wastewater and storm water systems. Residents should avoid contact with both rivers through at least December 7 due to possible bacteria from the sewage.

Source: <http://www.koinlocal6.com/news/local/story/Heavy-rainfall-causes-sewage-overflow-into/clS8vfNGPEOl8Kfkv7OYhw.csp>

19. *December 5, KVII 7 Amarillo* – (Texas) **Clarendon under boil water order.** Clarendon, Texas, remained under a boil water order after a construction crew damaged a water pipe, city officials said. The incident happened December 4 and officials said repairs were being made. Officials estimated the boil order will be in effect for about 48 hours or until December 7.

Source:

<http://www.connectamarillo.com/news/story.aspx?list=195065&id=833770#.UMC0ya7kGol>

20. *December 5, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (California) **U.S. and local governments achieve \$50 million settlement to address contamination at superfund site in Rialto, Calif.** The United States entered into two settlements worth more than \$50 million to clean up contamination from the B.F. Goodrich Superfund Site in San Bernardino County, California, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency stated in a release December 5. There were a dozen settling parties including Emhart Industries, and Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. (PSI), as well as the cities of Rialto and Colton and County of San Bernardino, California. The Superfund site was used to store, test, and manufacture fireworks, munitions, rocket motors, and pyrotechnics and was added to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Priorities List in September 2009. The area's groundwater was contaminated with trichloroethylene (TCE) and perchlorate, which have resulted in the closure of public drinking water supply wells in the communities of Rialto and Colton. Under one agreement, Emhart will perform the first portion of the cleanup, which is estimated to cost \$43 million over the next 30 years to design, build, and operate groundwater wells, treatment systems, and other equipment needed to clean up the contaminated groundwater at the site. A significant portion of these funds would come from other settling parties, to include the U.S. Department of Defense. The Cities of Rialto and Colton would receive \$8 million. Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/f5482cd55fbf833a85257acb0071bae8!OpenDocument>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

21. *December 6, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Kidney dialysis center under investigation for injecting patients with cleanser.** Federal health officials are investigating a kidney dialysis center in Town and Country, Missouri, after eight patients were injected with bleach or other cleanser December 3. At least seven of the patients were hospitalized and two have since been released, according to a spokesman for U.S. Renal Care, which operates the facility. All of the patients are expected to recover. "We can confirm that a cleaning solution, commonly used in dialysis, was inadvertently added into our water supply due to a one-time human error," a spokesman said in a statement. The facility, situated on the campus of the Cedars of Town and Country nursing home, was closed while Medicare inspectors conduct an investigation. Residents of the nursing home who need dialysis would be taken to nearby centers. Source: http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/kidney-dialysis-center-under-investigation-for-injecting-patients-with-cleanser/article_ac20b204-0fc8-5ad5-987b-48a3a26d5d5c.html

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Government Facilities Sector

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Emergency Services Sector

22. *December 5, Los Angeles Daily News* – (California) **Los Angeles Fire Department faces heat for slower emergency response times, faulty data.** More than a year after the Los Angeles Fire Department was faulted for slower emergency response times and faulty response data, the fire chief acknowledged December 4 his agency needs to develop a full, transparent plan to deal with the issues. Over a 2-hour session before the City Council, the fire chief said earlier figures on response times were incorrect and the department is in the process of analyzing how it tracks both medical and fire emergency responses. To resolve the issues, the fire chief created a task force that included officials from the Santa Monica-based RAND think tank, the Los Angeles Police Department, and other agencies familiar with computer-aided dispatching systems and emergency response. The task force came up with 17 recommendations to implement in the coming months — on everything from providing more information to the public on response times around the city to development of the proposed FireStat program.

Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/12/05/los-angeles-fire-department_n_2244245.html

23. *December 5, WJZ 13 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Officials investigate police-involved shooting at St. Joseph Medical Center.** A prisoner was in the University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center December 5 when he turned on hospital staff and the officer that was guarding him. Fellow police officers rushed to help when one officer and the prisoner got into a scuffle. The officer was guarding a prisoner who had been taken to the emergency room for medical attention but a hospital staffer noticed the prisoner was in possession of a needle. The man then grabbed a hospital staffer and when the officer stepped in, the prisoner tried to grab her gun. A struggle ensued and a shot was fired into the wall. Backup officers swarmed the hospital and got the suspect under control. The emergency room stopped taking patients for several hours. During the investigation, the hospital restricted vehicle access to the emergency room, blocking off one of the entrances.

Source: <http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2012/12/05/officials-investigate-police-involved-shooting-at-st-joseph-medical-center/>

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Information Technology Sector

24. *December 6, The H* – (International) **BIND 9.9.2 closes IPv6 security hole.** Updates for the current version, 9.9.2, and the older 9.8.4 version of the widely used, free BIND domain name system (DNS) server have now become available. They close a security hole that enabled attackers to crash the daemon. All versions of BIND that use the DNS64 option, which was introduced in version 9.8, are affected. The problem appears to have been caused by a flaw in the implementation of this option; the flaw allows attackers to crash the server with specially crafted requests. DNS64 enables IPv6 computers to communicate with IPv4 machines via an address translator (NAT64). The option is intended for recursive servers. Those who do not use it are not affected by the now corrected bug – everyone else should either disable DNS64 or install the new version.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/BIND-9-9-2-closes-IPv6-security-hole-1763332.html>
25. *December 5, Help Net Security* – (International) **Exploit kit authors thrive due to PoC code released by whitehats.** Having spent the last year following the development of the Blackhole exploit kit, a Sophos researcher says the last few exploits for zero-days added to it were all works of whitehat researchers who published their own exploit code online. In one particular case, the Blackhole author practically copy-pasted the published code into his exploit kit's code. "The author of the Blackhole exploit kit seems to be more comfortable as a system integrator and Web application developer than anything else, and is far from being a hardcore vulnerability researcher," he comments. Other researchers have noted a similar pattern. A little over a year ago, iSec Partners researchers analyzed the (at the time) top 15 exploit kits, and discovered that among the exploits they used - 13 in all - 3 were developed and used by attackers engaged in so-called advanced persistent threats (APTs), and 10 were developed by whitehats.
Source: [http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14069&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+\(Help+Net+Security\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14069&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

26. *December 6, Hibbing Daily Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Fiber optic cut interrupts phone, Internet service.** A cut fiber optic cable interrupted phone and Internet services for residents of Floodwood, Meadowlands, and Toivola exchanges December 4. A construction crew working in Independence, Minnesota, cut into the fiber optic cable

owned by Frontier Communications, said the Frontier general manager of the northern Minnesota area. Frontier was notified of the situation and immediately dispatched crews who were able to get the service restored about 4 hours later. While they were working, customers in the affected area were able to dial within the exchange, but could not call outside of the exchange, he said. The company notified full-time police and fire stations in the affected area because those experiencing an emergency could still call directly to their police or fire station. People in the affected areas could not dial 9-1-1 because it is located outside the exchange.

Source: http://www.hibbingmn.com/news/article_99362412-3f04-11e2-99c8-001a4bcf887a.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *December 6, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Blaze destroys Warren furniture store, damages strip mall.** A Warren, Michigan furniture store was a total loss after a fire burned through the building, the Detroit Free Press reported December 6. The furniture warehouse had heavy smoke billowing from the roof and walls of the building when firefighters arrived, the Warren Fire Department Commissioner said. “We declared the fire defensive approximately 20 minutes into the fire,” he said. “The rear wall of the building was bowing, so there was potential for collapse. We didn’t want to risk firefighters for furniture.” He said all the doors of the 5,000-square-foot store were still locked, so they knew no one was inside. Twenty-five Warren firefighters plus a crew with a ladder truck from the U.S. Army’s TACOM facility in Warren kept the blaze from spreading to the Family Dollar store next door. “The building’s going to be a total loss,” he said. “The rest of the strip mall, including the adjacent Family Dollar, may have suffered minor smoke damage.”

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20121206/NEWS04/121206019/Blaze-destroys-Warren-furniture-store-damages-strip-mall?odyssey=nav|head>

28. *December 6, Winston-Salem Journal* – (North Carolina) **Fire chief: Malfunctioning furnace caused carbon-monoxide poisoning at church.** None of the 20 people affected by carbon-monoxide poisoning at the Oak Grove Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, December 5 appeared to have been severely injured, the Winston-Salem fire chief said December 6. Four children and three adults were taken to a local medical center for evaluation after the incident. Paramedics treated 13 other people at the scene. “No one was unconscious or anything close to it,” he said. “We are thinking this was basically a minor exposure.” A malfunctioning furnace was responsible for the poisoning, he added. Firefighters were called to the church and arrived to find several people outside, complaining of dizziness and light-headedness. The fire department measured the carbon-monoxide level in the building at 400 ppm. “That was pretty high in places where they read it,” he said. Firefighters cut off the natural-gas meter to the structure, and a representative of Piedmont Natural Gas Co. responded to assist. The fire department helped occupants with ventilation of the church.

Source: http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/article_40db81dc-3f62-11e2-b314-001a4bcf6878.html

29. *December 5, Anderson Herald Bulletin* – (Indiana) **Apartments condemned by mayor, ordered to evacuate.** The potential fire hazard at Arbor Village Apartments in Anderson, Indiana, prompted the mayor and city officials to condemn the complex and issue an order to vacate, the building commissioner said December 5. The property, which was briefly evacuated and investigated for a gas leak December 4, was declared uninhabitable by the mayor, the building commissioner, and Emergency Management teams, he said. The tenants have a day to evacuate, then the power will be shut off. Officials from Vectren Energy, the gas provider for the complex, arrived and found leaks in three of the five buildings. Gas was shut off to the affected units and tenants were given the option to be housed elsewhere or stay in their apartments without gas. Vectren returned and found leaks in all five buildings, so the building commissioner made the decision to have the entire complex evacuated until the issue is resolved. He said the Church Upon the Rock was designated as the shelter for the 29 tenants. This was the second gas leak incident at Arbor Village in a month.

Source: <http://heraldbulletin.com/crime/x1332348825/City-Arbor-Village-Apartments-uninhabitable>

30. *December 1, WCIV 4 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **North Charleston hotel evacuated, meth lab found.** A North Charleston, South Carolina hotel was evacuated during a fire investigation December 6. Firefighters arrived to the Relax Inn along with investigators from the North Charleston Police Department who focused their investigation on one room in the hotel. According to police, the fire was deemed suspicious and investigators found “several suspicious items that are commonly used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine” in the room. Guests were later allowed back to their rooms. Two suspects were arrested and charged with attempting to manufacture meth.

Source: <http://www.abcnews4.com/story/20274075/north-charleston-hotel-evacuated>

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31. *December 5, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Some Fern Lake Fire evacuees return home, told to remain on standby.** Some people living near the wildfire burning in Rocky Mountain National Park returned home December 5, but they still have to remain on high alert, KMGH 7 Denver reported. People living in the Highway 66 area were allowed back home for the first time since December 1. The remaining evacuees are scheduled to be allowed back home December 7. Tankers are standing by at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport to fight the fire. Two tankers and a heli-tanker are currently stationed at the airport to help with the firefight. Two helicopters tried flying to the Fern Lake Fire December 5 but turned around because 40 mph winds made operations too dangerous. Falling trees also stopped some hand crews’ operations December 4. A chief meteorologist said that conditions were expected to improve as a cold front moves through December 5, dropping a couple of inches of snow in the Estes

Park area.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/some-fern-lake-fire-evacuees-return-home-told-to-remain-on-standby>

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Dams Sector

32. *December 6, Cortlandt Daily Voice* – (New York) **Furnace Dock Lake dam repairs process begins.** Cortlandt Town officials said progress was made in repairs to the Furnace Dock Lake Dam in New York, the Cortlandt Daily Voice reported December 6. Town officials would likely vote at the December 11 Town Board meeting to allow the town Engineering Office to seek bids for the project. Town engineers then have about a month of prep work, during which they expect a permit to begin work from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. Cortlandt officials estimate the dam will cost about \$1.3 million, to be paid entirely by Con Edison, as long as the work is completed by February 2014. During the six-month repair process, the town engineer said residents will see “earth moving,” along with construction of various types of dam walls. Additionally, there will be construction of “parapet walls which follow the direction of the dam, which are perpendicular to the stream.” Workers will also construct a berm to redirect any potential flood waters. The town purchased the 10-acre lake, also known as Railroad Pond, from Con Edison in June 2011 for \$300,000. Source: <http://cortlandt.dailyvoice.com/neighbors/furnace-dock-lake-dam-repairs-process-begins>
33. *December 6, Wilkes Barre Times-Leader* – (Pennsylvania) **Forty Fort levee repair under way.** Contractors started to repair a section of Pennsylvania’s Wyoming Valley levee behind the Forty Fort Cemetery heavily damaged by record flooding in September 2011, officials said as reported by the Wilkes Barre Times-Leader December 6. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is expected to spend \$2 million to \$3 million to repair damaged flood gates, boils, and other wounds the 15-mile levee system sustained holding back the Susquehanna River when it swelled to 42.66 feet during Tropical Storm Lee. The section of levee behind the cemetery was reinforced with sandbags and several hundred tons of rock and dirt in September to plug boils. Visible cracks also formed in the levee concrete casing at Forty Fort in September. The County Flood Protection Authority executive director said the cracks in the casing will be repaired. He stressed the casing is more aesthetic because the primary flood control comes from hidden interlocked sheet pile driven at least 30 feet into the ground. The temporary fill dumped at the site in September is being removed and will be replaced with “engineered fill” that is properly graded and compacted. Tri-State Design Construction Company Inc., which was hired by the Corps to complete the project, must work in small sections because it would be too risky to rip out all the temporary fill at one time. Once the work around the cemetery along River Street in Forty Fort is complete, Tri-State will use a similar fill replacement technique on other levee boils that surfaced in Forty Fort, Plymouth, Hanover Township, and Kingston in September, he said. Market Street flood closure panels used on the Kingston and Wilkes-Barre sides also will be addressed as part of the repairs, he said. Water pressure blew out

sections of gasket seals on the Market Street flood gates in September.

Source: <http://www.timesleader.com/stories/Forty-Fort-levee-repair-under-way,237847>

34. *December 5, Glasgow Daily Times* – (Kentucky) **Water release begins at Barren Reservoir.** The U.S. Corps of Engineers issued a news release the week of November 26 that stated the annual drawdown at Barren Reservoir in Kentucky was being delayed. However, since that report, conditions have returned to normal and the Corps has resumed its regular schedule of water release, the Glasgow Daily Times reported December 5. Corps spokesmen have said the lake might not meet the annual deadline for winter pool by December 15 but the drawdown was on normal schedule. The level stood at 534 feet on December 4.

Source: <http://glasgowdailytimes.com/sports/x1752045091/Drawdown-begins-at-Barren-Reservoir>

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